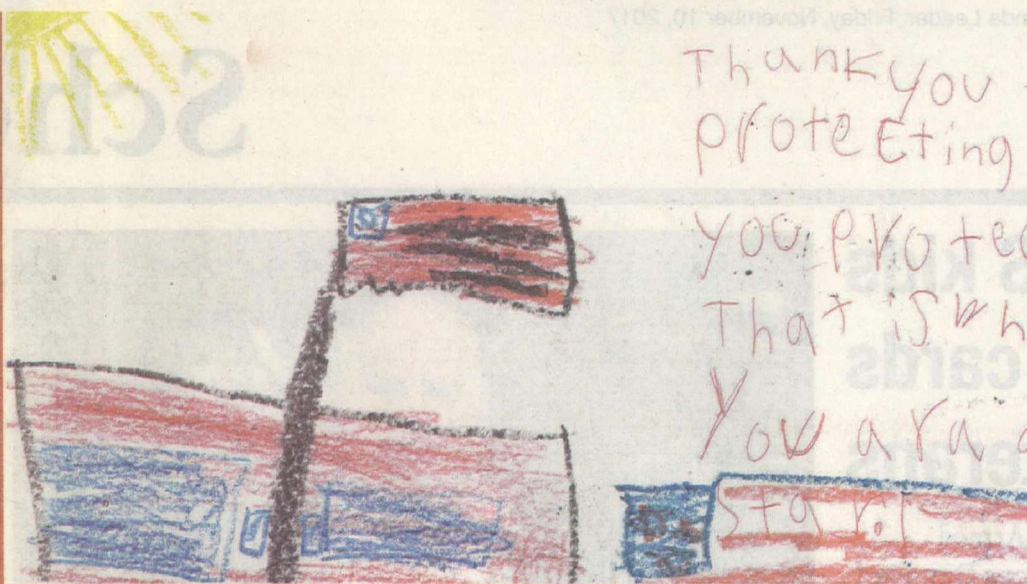


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placed on the property when it conveyed it to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County in 1994. ARCO's covenants essentially eliminated the possibility of any future "smelting" operations on the land, which the county got lifted after months and thousands of hours of negotiations.

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"We just made history," Commission Chair Terry Vermeire said after the commission voted unanimously to approve the modification of deed covenants by and between ARCO and the county. "The land had significant restrictions placed on it [at the time it was conveyed to the county]. The modifications needed to be approved by EPA [Environmental Protection Agency], ARCO and the county, so Premiere Industry can get started

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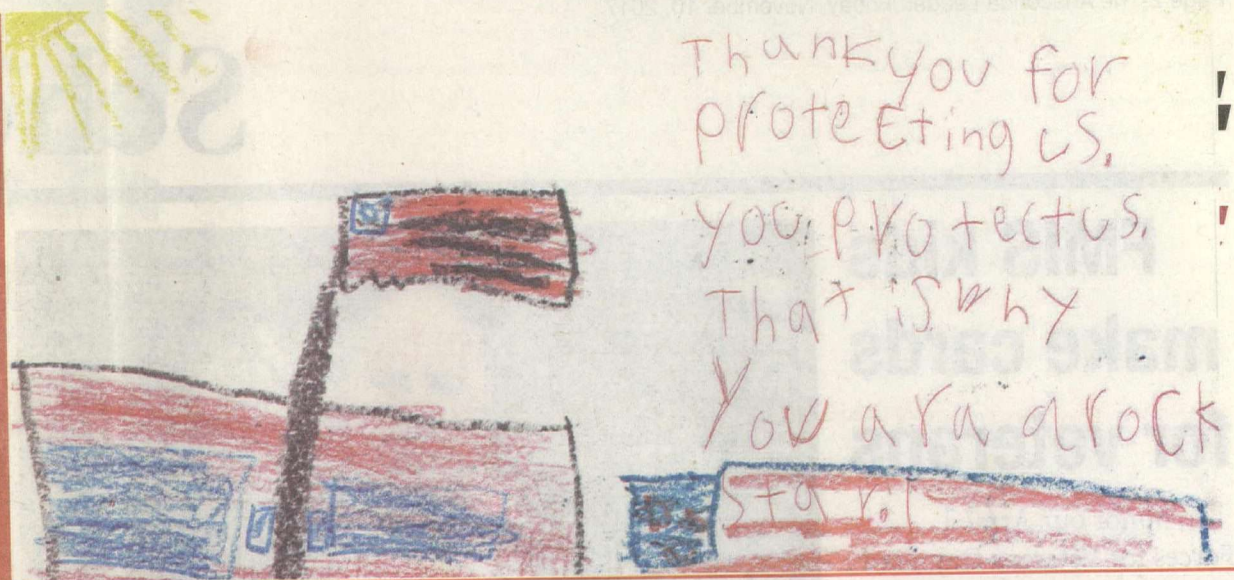
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Dozens of antelope hang out on the rocks near Crackerville as seen from Interstate-90 on Thursday.

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Tabish assures town that plant will be built

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EDITOR

Area residents can rest assured
that Premiere Industries, LLC will
build its slag processing plant in
the Anaconda area, according to
Rick Tabish of FX Solutions, which
is handling construction.

"We want to let everyone in the
community know that is a reality,"
he told a crowd of about 70 people
Wednesday night at the Metcalf
Memorial Senior Citizens Center
– the majority of which were
supportive of the new plant. "The
plant is being 100 percent financed
with private money. No county
money is being used to build the
plant."

He went on to say that Premiere
Industries will look at hiring
Anaconda residents first, followed
by Butte residents before looking
outside the area to fill the 700 jobs
that are expected to be created
when the plant is at full operation.

Those jobs will come with
salaries beginning at \$42,000 on
up, Tabish said.

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according to County Attorney Ben Krakowka.

"Premiere Industries will now be able to process slag on site using their patented method," Krakowka said in an interview on Thursday. "We also lifted the amount of slag that could be brought over at a time."

He went on to say that the covenants initially were put in place to prevent future companies from smelting ore on site and creating additional heavy metal

contamination that ARCO currently is responsible for cleanup of under Superfund Law, he said.

Modifying the covenants opens the door for Premiere Industries to move forward with building its slag processing plant.

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Anaconda as well as other industries," he said.

Some of those will include developers who will construct apartments, townhomes and houses for employees, Tabish said.

Premiere Industries plans to construct a \$50 million plant that initially will have 15 furnaces to process slag into proppants for the oil and gas industry to use in well fracking and pig iron for the steel industry.

Another 15 furnaces would be added within two years of startup, according to Tabish.

The new plant will generate about \$1 billion in gross revenue and between \$200 to \$225 million a year in tax revenue for the county, Tabish said.

"It will be a great tax base for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County," Tabish said.

The majority of the hiring will be done through the Montana Job Service with several job fairs, Tabish said.

Those interested in employment opportunities are asked to send their



Jason McIlroy with the Anaconda Fire Department at the Anaconda Junior-Senior High School Wednesday at the Memorial Gym.

name, address, education, job skills and last two places of employment to vbuckendorf@premierindustries.us or by fax to (406) 721-2997.

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